

City of Rockville Ethics Commission

Minutes

Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room Meeting No. 16-07 Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Eugene Thirolf, Kris Dighe, Rosanne Hurwitz

Commissioners Absent: Jaime Espinosa

City Staff: Debra Daniel and Eliot Schaefer

I. Convene

Meeting convened.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Dighe, seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz, and passed unanimously (3-0).

III. Approval of Minutes

<u>June 16, 2016</u> – Motion to approve minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting was made by Commissioner Dighe, seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz, and passed unanimously (3-0).

IV. Discussion of Potential Ethics Ordinance Amendments.

The Commission discussed the latest revisions made to the Ethics Ordinance Amendments and requested that staff make additional changes. Commissioner Hurwitz moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance, including the requested changes made at the July 14, 2016 meeting, as the Ethics Commission's recommended amendments to the Ethics Ordinance to the Mayor and Council. Commissioner Dighe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

V. Discussion on Unsolicited Gifts

The Commission postponed the discussion on unsolicited gifts until the September meeting.

VI. Old/New Business

• Staff informed the Ethics Commission about an ethics request that was submitted by an employee to the City Attorney's Office. Staff requested guidance on how to respond to the inquiry. The Ethics Commission directed staff to inform the employee that a request for an advisory opinion should be submitted for the Ethics Commission to consider the request.

• The Commission's next meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30pm.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dighe, seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz, and passed unanimously (3-0).